



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 17, 2016  
**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation to Construct and Maintain Sidewalk Ramps at Dobson Road at the 202L Red Mountain Freeway District #1

## Strategic Initiatives



## Purpose and Recommendation

Staff request approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Mesa to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for construction and maintenance of the sidewalk ramps located in the State's right-of-way at the southeast corner of Dobson Road and the 202L Red Mountain Freeway. (See Exhibit A for a vicinity map and Exhibit B for a site plan.) Under the agreement, the City construction will be limited to the installation of an ADA compliant sidewalk ramp, the restriping of the intersection markings at the south leg of this traffic interchange and to comply with all applicable ADA standards associated with the pedestrian push buttons located along the south ramp crossings. The City will be responsible for maintenance of such ramp.

Staff recommend that Council approve the Resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

## Background

The City is to construct a 2.5 mile, 10-foot multi-use pathway from the Crosscut Canal – West Mesa Connector beginning East of Center Street and ending past Dobson Road. The pathway will include improvements to the sidewalk ramps located in the State's right-of-way at the southeast corner of Dobson Road and the 202L Red Mountain Freeway.

## Discussion

Community Impact – In order to construct the multi-use pathway, the sidewalk ramp located in the southeast corner needs to be upgraded to meet ADA standards. The

construction on the multi-use path will provide connection to the Rio Salado pathway which extends from the Tempe border to Dobson Road at the 202L Red Mountain Freeway and the Consolidated Canal path.

### **Alternatives**

An alternative is to not approve this agreement, which would mean the multi-use pathway will not be able to connect to the Rio Salado pathway. This is not recommended as it would forego the benefits mentioned in the previous section.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The construction of this ramp is included in the budget of the CIP project West Mesa Connector SUP. The anticipated costs to maintain the sidewalk ramp has been estimated at \$50/year, have been included in the Operation and Maintenance budget and shall be funded in future years by the Transportation Department's operations budget as needed.

### **Coordinated With**

The Office of Management and Budget concurs with this recommendation.